

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for displaying time left for an on-line auction of an item conducted by an on-line auction service in a computer of a bidder, said method comprising the steps of:

obtaining the processor time in the computer of the bidder,

obtaining the official auction time for said on-line auction in the computer of the bidder from said on-line auction service,

obtaining the auction time left for said item in the computer of the bidder from said on-line auction service,

comparing in the computer of the bidder the obtained processor time to the obtained official auction time,

~~determining in the computer of the bidder the processor time left for said item in said on-line auction based on the processor time in response to the comparing step and said obtained auction time left,~~

displaying in the computer of the bidder ~~the processor~~ [[a]] time left in processor time for said item in response to the comparing step and said obtained auction time left.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 wherein the step of displaying includes the step of visually counting down the time left in processor time in at least one graphical icon.

Claim 3 (original): The method of claim 2 wherein the graphical icon is a clock face having an indicator moving in a direction towards zero wherein zero corresponds to the end of said on-line auction.

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 2 wherein the step of displaying includes providing a plurality of graphical icons, each of said plurality of graphical icon corresponding to a predetermined time period.

Claim 5 (original): The method of claim 4 wherein said plurality of graphical icon includes a first graphical icon corresponding to a predetermined time period of 60 minutes.

Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 4 wherein said plurality of graphical icon includes a first graphical icon corresponding to a predetermined time period of 30 minutes.

Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 4 wherein said plurality of graphical icon includes a first graphical icon corresponding to a predetermined time period of 10 minutes.

Claim 8 (original): The method of claim 4 wherein said plurality of graphical icon includes a first graphical icon corresponding to a predetermined time period of 60 seconds.

Claim 9 (original): The method of claim 1 further including the steps of:
providing an icon during said on-line auction,
clicking on the icon to activate the displaying of the time left.

Claims 10-19 (canceled)